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SUBJECT: 65TH FAO COUNCIL, MARCH 10-14, ROME

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1. IN CLEARING REPORT, MARCH 14, COUNCIL HAD USUAL PROBLEM OF DEFINING ORDER OF ITEMS WHICH VARIOUS DELS REGARDED AS OF PRIORITY NATURE. AS RESULT DG WAS INSTRUCTED DRAW ON WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS AND FULL RANGE OF VIEWS IN VERBATIMS IN PREPARING SUMMARY OF PROGRAM AND WORK FOR 1976-77. REPORT WILL NOT CONTAIN REFERENCE TO HIGH PRIORITIES BUT WILL LIST SOME LOW PRIORITY ITEMS (SEE REFTTEL, PARA 5).

2. WITH REGARD BUDGET LEVEL 1976-77, GREAT MAJORITY COUNTRIES WERE UNABLE GIVE INDICATIVE FIGURE. EXPRESSED HOPE DG WOULD TAKE NOTE OF ITEMS IDENTIFIED AS LOW PRIORITY, GIVE ATTENTION TO LEVEL WHICH ORGANIZATION COULD EFFECTIVELY ABSORB AND IM-

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PLEMENT (SUGGESTION OF AUSTRALIA) AND PRESENT JUNE COUNCIL

WITH PROPOSALS APPRECIABLY LOWER THAN THE \$185 MILLION LEVEL PRESENTED TO THIS SESSION. DURING DEBATE CANADA EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS SUPPORT A BUDGET LEVEL SOMEWHERE BETWEEN \$175 AND \$180 MILLION. U.S. STATED IT WAS NOT IN POSITION MAKE COMMITMENT ON ANY LEVEL BUT RECOGNIZED WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE HAD ASKED FAO UNDERTAKE A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES. GENERAL VIEW THROUGHOUT DEBATE (AND REFLECTED IN COUNCIL REPORT) WAS GENERAL RECOGNITION THAT A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE OVER 1974-75 IS WARRANTED. ATTENTION WAS ALSO DRAWN TO NEED FOR A GREATER CONCENTRATION OF EFFORTS USING EXISTING RESOURCES IN ORDER TO KEEP PROGRAM AT ACCEPTABLE LEVEL.

3. DURING DISCUSSION REPORT, CHINESE DELEGATION CALLED ATTENTION TO CONTINUED IBRD ASSOCIATION WITH TAIWAN GOVERNMENT AND STATED FOR THIS REASON PRC WOULD HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH CONSULTATIVE GROUP ON FOOD PRODUCTION AND INVESTMENT IN AGRICULTURE, WHICH IS JOINTLY SPONSORED BY WORLD BANK, UNDP AND FAO.

4. DEL WAS SUCCESSFUL IN KEEPING MEXICAN REFERENCE TO CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS, ETC. FROM APPEARING IN COUNCIL REPORT. VOLPE

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